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You Are What You Read

Every year, the months of February and March take on a special significance for all Catholics in Canada. These two periods are Catholic Press Months. This is a time when Catholics are made aware of the numerous fine publications which are available to them. One may ask why so much attention is focused on such a matter. The answer lies in the fact that in numerous cases good Catholic publications are losing ground to the materialistic appeals of the so-called popular magazines. Furthermore, since the task of the Church is to safeguard the spiritual welfare of its members, it tries to do everything possible to help them on the road to their eternal salvation. If more Catholics supported their own publications, they would not only help themselves but they would also help to eliminate much of the immoral literature which is found on all newsstands simply because so many people buy the trash.

Many opponents of Catholicism criticize the Church for its attitude towards the reading habits of its members on the grounds that it is stifling the individual's freedom! What a prejudiced argument? Why not condemn the city governments for their speed laws, traffic lights, and by-laws restricting certain undesirable actions on the part of the people? Why not disregard the doctor's orders when he prescribes rules for his patients to follow if they want to be in good health? Are not these restrictions on an individual's freedom? If society is to exist in a civilized manner, rules are necessary to safeguard the safety of the majority. However, these are merely temporal things. How much more important is the immortal soul of each individual? Is it not logical then that the Church should have signposts along the way to guide its members along and help them to avoid the risk of eternal damnation?

Whenever we read of some organized movement in a community to clear its local newsstands of immoral magazines or pocket books, or to ban a certain movie or vile book, there are always those who holler that the very freedoms of our nation are direly threatened. Yet, do these same individuals deliberately expose their unsuspecting children by having deadly poisons and chemicals within their reach, and then do they stand by nonchalantly while the very life of their children is threatened?

Our purpose in life is willing service to God. By doing this we will merit eternal happiness in heaven. Since this is our objective, why

shouldn't we try to avoid all obstacles in our path? Reading good literature is one way in which we can strengthen our will power to overcome evil. We are what we read. Since we cannot hope to read everything, why not concentrate on only the best? Instead of supporting pagan literature by buying magazines which appeal to the animal instincts in people by glorifying things of the flesh or of other atheistic, wordly pleasures, why not channel that money into supporting the various fine Catholic publications? Many people complain about the increase of juvenile delinquency, the rising crime rate, and the deteriorating moral standards of our society. The solution is simple. Eliminate the literary trash which is so abundant everywhere and you will notice a marked improvement in all fields of human endeavor and behavior.

Despite the inroads of the movies and television, the printed word is still a force to be reckoned with. Consider the following episode. The agriculture editor of a big newspaper was talking to a grizzled old-timer, a son of the soil, about the crop situation for the coming year. The farmer was of the opinion that the crop outlook was unfavorable. The editor believed otherwise despite the reasons given by the experienced farmer. He then printed an article which foretold of a bumper crop. A few days later he met the farmer again. The old gent then apologized and said, "I reckon I was wrong about the crops. I seen in the paper where it's going to be a good year." Because the printed word is so important, it is our duty as Catholics not only to subscribe to our own publications but also to encourage others to do likewise. Bad literature is like a deadly vicious creature spreading its hungry tentacles to enslave all of mankind in its venomous embrace, thereby leading mankind away from its true destiny. This is not a matter to be shrugged off carelessly. The harm occasioned by impure literature is already astronomical. We should do something about it now, while there is still time.

The YOUTH, in its own small way is doing everything it can to promote good reading. However, it can do much more if you will only help. With your aid, it can soon enlarge and provide you with decent and interesting material. During February and March, why not make a concentrated effort to make the YOUTH magazine your first objective. Make sure that your own subscription is up-to-date. Then make a drive in your parish to see to it that every youth has a copy of this magazine. A good starting point would be to do as our U.C.Y. constitution states, and see to it every member is a subscriber. At the present time, less than twenty percent of U.C.Y. members are YOUTH subscribers. There certainly is plenty of scope for improvement. Don't you think so?

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At a youngster's birthday party, the parents rushed frantically around keeping the party lively. They organized treasure hunts, races, games. In the midst of great going on, one little fellow walked up to the hostess and asked, when this is all over, Mrs. Jones, can we play?" M. P. Simer.

Pertinent Thoughts

Last month we established a first in the history of the YOUTH by publishing a specific account of our subscribers in the different communities across Canada. By doing this we hoped to spur some laggard groups to meet their obligations to their national organ, considering that they are part of a national organization. We are very optimistic about getting more subscribers to our magazine during March. If any local desires a specific list of all subscribers in its boundaries, we will be pleased to send one. Diocesan executives, likewise, now have a clearer picture as to what locals to approach regarding greater co-operation in regard to YOUTH. If any Diocesan executive so desires, we will send a complete list of all subscribers within its sphere of influence.

A second objective we had in mind by publishing the list of subscribers was to make our readers aware of overdue subscriptions. As you learned last month, we had well over two hundred readers whose subscriptions were due. So far the results aren't as rapid as we expected. Quite a number of renewals as well as new subscribers have come in from Alberta and we are confident that this trend will soon be noticeable from all other provinces. Although we stated that no more copies would be mailed to delinquent subscribers after the January issue, we decided to extend this deadline to one more issue since this is Catholic Press Month. However, if you do not get your March issue,

perhaps you should check your expiry date.

One item which has been a cause of annoyance and ill-will to our subscribers as well of considerable concern to us is the complaint by numbers of individuals that they are not getting their copy of the YOUTH. This is especially true of city subscribers. Every month we get a few copies of YOUTH returned to us by the Post Office. This is due either to the fact that we had the wrong address or that our subscriber moved without notifying us of the change. Consequently some persons whose subscriptions were in good standing did not receive their copies of YOUTH. If you know of any persons to whom this has happened, please let us know about it.

We would like to have a cover story for every issue of our magazine. Instead of using any available cut for the cover of our magazine, we would like to depict either pictures of youth activities or of Ukrainian achievements in various parishes across Canada. A short article could also be included about what is represented on the cover. In this way we can utilize all available space with original items instead of resorting to reprints. This could also form an interesting pictorial record for future years. How about organizing something along this line? It would be wonderful publicity too!

As we go to press, we are beginning to get some results in answer to the appeals which we have made to U.C.Y. organizations for aid to our

magazine. We sincerely hope that this trend will continue to increase in volume and intensity within the next few months.

As things now stand, we would like to express our thanks to the Diocesan U.C.Y. executive of the Edmonton Diocese as well as to the organizations under its jurisdiction. In keeping with the U.C.Y. constitution and the directives issued by the Dominion executive, the Edmonton Diocesan executive is requiring all U.C.Y. members to become subscribers to the YOUTH and is including the subscription as part of the fees for every member. Their results so far have been very encouraging and the subscriptions from Alberta and British Columbia are increasing weekly. Unless the Diocesan groups increase the tempo of their work in this regard, the Edmonton Diocese stands a very good chance of being the first group to have every member a subscriber to YOUTH also. Keep up the wonderful work. We wish you success.

As far as our information is concerned, the St. Basil's U.C.Y. club in Edmonton is the first to have every one of its members as a YOUTH subscriber. In addition it has also met its assessment for the YOUTH FUND. In cases where more than one member of the family belongs to the St. Basil's Club, the subscription fee is still a requirement. However, only one copy of the magazine is sent to the family concerned and the extra money is given as a donation. If every U.C.Y. local in Canada followed the lead of St. Basil's U.C.Y. in Edmonton, our subscription lists would mount to over two thousand within a short time. If

any other U.C.Y. locals in Canada also have one hundred per cent of their members as subscribers also, we would like to hear from them.

We also received thirty subscriptions from the Dauphin U.C.Y. in Manitoba. Mention wasn't made as to what percentage this is of the membership, but if past numbers are any indication, this figure is near the requirement. We would like to mention at this point that the Dauphin U.C.Y. has always been one of our greatest boosters over the years. Our sincere thanks to you, Dauphin U.C.Y.!

A short while ago we received a copy of the monthly bulletin of the Saskatchewan U.C.Y. executive. We were very pleased to note that a considerable portion was devoted towards encouraging U.C.Y. locals in Saskatchewan not only to subscribe to the YOUTH, but also to meet their assessments in regard to the YOUTH FUND. Such action is very heartening to us and we sincerely hope that the U.C.Y. members in Saskatchewan will rally to the call of their central executive.

We also expect to hear from other Diocesan groups within a very short time, and we trust that they too will have considerable success in their drive to put the YOUTH magazine on a firm basis.

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Uncle: "Now be careful with that money I gave you, Tommy. Remember that a fool and his money are soon parted."

Tommy: "Yes, Uncle, but I want to thank you for parting with it, just the same."

Lenten Thoughts

We have now begun one of the very important periods of the year — the interval of Lent. It is considered so important because it marks a time during which we are to devote more thought to our spiritual life and to determine whether we are fulfilling our purpose on earth — willing service to God.

The Lenten period was not designated merely for adults; it applies to all who have reached the age of reason. Since young people especially are so subjected to the material temptations and pleasures of the world, they are in great need of spiritual guidance and aid. Hence, it is so important that the U.C.Y. devote a considerable amount of time during this period towards the really important things in life. We know not the day nor the hour when death will put an end to our earthly career — hence we should live every day of our life in such a way that we will have no fears when the inevitable moment comes.

To get the greatest spiritual benefit from the Lenten period, we should do much more than the minimum requirements. It is not enough merely to abstain from dances and parties, and to avoid eating meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. There are many things which we can do to achieve more graces and to acquire a Catholic attitude on life. First of all, we should become thoroughly familiar with the reason that the Church sets aside this period every year. There are many worthwhile and informative books of the Passion of Jesus Christ and His

"death" on the cross, together with an account of the significance of these events. Each one of us should set aside a few minutes every day for spiritual reading. Once we realize that Jesus Christ so loved mankind that He was willing to assume an earthly form and endure numerous sufferings in order to redeem mankind and open heaven for us, we will be able to realize more clearly how petty and empty some of our own objectives may be. As we become more familiar with the message of Jesus Christ and with the various torments and agonies which He allowed His enemies to inflict upon Him just for our redemption, we will be able to pattern ourselves more closely according to what He expects of us, and our own earthly problems will seem insignificant in comparison to what is really important. The Glorious Resurrection gives added importance to the message of Christ in that everything which was predicted was also accomplished. Through our spiritual reading we will be able to understand the importance of the period.

However, knowledge in itself is not enough. We should pattern ourselves accordingly. To do this requires great will power and this in turn, is difficult to achieve because of the many temptations which surround us. What better way is there in which we can achieve this help than by frequently receiving the Sacrament of Communion. If we do this, our task of being good Catholics will become that much easier.

During Her various apparitions, Our Blessed Mother has constantly informed us that many spiritual graces are available to us if we only ask for them through the medium of prayers. These spiritual graces in turn will also aid us in achieving other worthwhile objectives. Frequent communion is recommended at all times of the year, but during Lent we should make it a must to receive communion at least once a week. The resulting peace of mind and graces will encourage us to continue this all-important habit regularly for the rest of our life.

In order to make this period even more valuable to us, we should also offer up some personal sacrifices. When we consider how much Jesus Christ suffered for us, it will make us more willing to sacrifice some of our own pleasures during this time. If we cut down the number of movies which we see, or reduce the

time spent watching television programs, or give up smoking or candy, or the like, we will not be doing anything injurious to ourselves — however, by so doing, we will show thanks to Jesus Christ and let Him know how much we appreciate what He did for us. When we offer up sacrifices on our part, we are atoning in some measure for our misdeeds in the past. When we offer every day for Jesus Christ, let us make sure that our offering is worthwhile.

The above are merely suggestions about how we could make the period of Lent more meaningful and rewarding to us. For further advice, the best authority is your own Spiritual Director. Perhaps your own U.C.Y. local has set itself some worthwhile objectives for Lent. If there are any such cases, we would like to hear about them.

St. Josaphat's U.C.Y., Edmonton

Once again St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. has had a busy season. With the elections completed the executive have put their minds together to bring to the members a more prosperous and active year.

The new executive is as follows: President, John Kowalchuk; Vice-President, Ted Josephs; Secretary, Florence Shalagan; Treasurer, Ed Marchuk; Fifth Member, Rose Opryshko; Social Committee, Bob Pshyk, Nestor Kitt, Ed Charchuk; Spiritual, Olga Jacula; Press, Mary Anne Petaske; Sports, Ron Morgan, Iris Tracch; Cultural, Dianne Bayrock.

Up-to-date meetings have been held twice a month, each meeting including a business section, a spiritual talk by our Director, Rev. M. Greschuk, and a dance following. The spiritual talks have centred on an explanation of the Mass. Each meeting has been attended by well over 85 members.

Our first function of the year was the Hallowe'en Masquerade. Set to the scene of witches, pumpkins and cats, everyone danced to the music of a modern orchestra. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes which included a Chinese couple, a chick from the Gay Nineties, a tramp, and



St. Joseph's U.C.Y. Executive. — Seated, left to right: Ted Tyrkalo, Past President; Florence Shalagan, Secretary; John Kowalchuk, President; Fr. M. Greschik, Spiritual Director; Rose Opryshko, fifth member; Ted Joseph's Vice-President. Standing, left to right: Dianne Bayrock, Cultural Committee; Iris Tratch, Sports Secretary; Ed Marchuk, Treasurer; Ray Thomas, Social Committee; Ted Borys, Lunch Committee; Olga Jacula, Spiritual Committee, Mary Anne Petaske, Press Correspondent.

an elderly lady. Lunch was served following the dance. A very large crowd was in attendance.

In the month of November our club acted as hosts for the Diocesan Communion Breakfast in honor of our patron, Saint Michael. The Corporate Communion and Breakfast was attended by both St. Josaphat's and Saint Basils' Clubs.

The members of our club are still very sportsminded. Every Wednesday night, six allies are set aside for the interested bowlers. After all, we must defend our trophy. The same follows with curling. The club's curlers throw their rocks and sweep on Saturday afternoons. In the future, hockey and badminton may be set up.

Our most successful function was the Talent Night.

During Advent, the club socials included card parties and movies.

The Christmas Party was our first function after Christmas. It began with a Buffet Supper followed by a dance. The highlights of the evening was a floor show. The Creme Puffs, a male quartet rendered two songs, "Matilda" and "Tom Dooley". A male trio sang "Dem Bones". Dave Keats, from St. Andrew's C.Y.O., provided the humorous end. Two Hill-Billy girls tried to hook their men with the song, "Oh, You Can't Get a Man With a Gun".

On the western end, the U.C.Y. held a barn dance at Maynard's Barn. This was quite a success and a change, for everyone was out in their western garb. As special entertainment, there were two contests, a pop sipping contest for the males and a cracker eating contest for the girls. Of course, there's a catch; the pop bottles had nipples

on them and the girls had to whistle. All in all this was a very successful function.

Early in January the boys had their Annual Retreat at Cochrane. Each came back with inspired minds and hearts.

This concludes our activities to date. Our club has been kept on the go since September. This will not be all, though. We are striving to do more and better work for our members.

Till next time . . . !

Press Correspondent,
Mary Anne Petaske.

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ST. JOSAPHAT'S UCY

Every year St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. provides several needy families with hampers during the Christmas season. Because of the joy brought to the few families, the club decided to sponsor a talent night to raise money for more hampers. This, then began the many hours of planning for this event.

On a Sunday night in December was seen a most successful talent night staged and organized by St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. A very impressive backdrop portraying tragedy and comedy was painted by Elizabeth Hys. This event took place at St. Josaphat's Church Auditorium under the direction of Ron Morgan and Ed Marchuk. Many of the U.C.Y. and C.Y.O. clubs of the city were represented. These were St. Josaphat's, St. Basil's, St. Andrew's, Sacred Heart, St. Alphonsus and St. Joseph's. Over 200 youth members were in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies was Ed Kay of CFRN - TV.

The competition ranged from vocal and instrumental to comedy and dancing. The judges of the evening were Father Greschuk from St. Josephat's, Father McDonnell from Sacred Heart and Elizabeth Hys.

Several vocal selections, ranging from opera and popular were rendered by singers from our own club and visiting clubs. Bands and piano selections were included in the instrumental section. Two comedians provided the audience with many laughs.

To add color and variety to the program three Ukrainian dances, the Kolomeyka, a duet and the Sword dance were presented by the St. Josephat's club.

A special attraction of the evening was a trio, consisting of Bob and George Klymkovich and Lou Pastyshenko, singing two Ukrainian carols. They were accompanied by Chester Kuc.

The program concluded with the awarding of cups for the best talent. The vocal category was won by Diane Bayrock. She sang two selections, one Ukrainian, and a favorite, "If I Loved You".

Jack Spider and his band were awarded the cup for the top instrumental group. They played such songs of "Shake, Rattle and Roll", and "Sentimental Journey".

Dave Keats, a comedian, from St. Andrew's C.Y.O., was top choice in the comedy section.

The best overall talent cup was awarded to the "Seekers", a modern combo band. Bob Eleniak, the leader, accepted the cup on behalf of the group.

The program concluded with coffee and lunch for all who were pre-

sent. It is hoped that in the future more such functions will be organized.

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NORTH BATTLEFORD, SASK. U.C.Y.

We're finally sending you the news from our local.

The Annual Meeting of the U.C.Y. was held on November 11, in the church auditorium. An election of officers was held and the following were elected:

President, Martha Bachynsky; Vice-President, John Omilon; Secretary, Diane Harbus; Treasurer, Nestor Brunwald; Ed. and Cultural, Alice Woytowich; Sports, Morris Chomey; Fifth member, Suzan Pool; Corres. Sec., Rose Chilibcki; Lunch Committee, Pat Woytowich.

At the end of the business meeting, Father Bachynsky gave an interesting and educational talk on the 'Nationality and Geography of the Ukraine'.

Our new ping-pong table is being put to good use. All the members can be seen holding bats awaiting their turn at the table.

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Ethelbert, Man.

Our last meeting was held on February 2nd. Twenty-three members attended the meeting. There are twenty-eight members in the Youth Club this year.

The Ethelbert Youth Club attended a social at Roblin on November 20th. Everyone attending enjoyed the dance and the games.

A Get-Acquainted Party was held on November 9th. Each member

invited three persons to the party. A dance and games were the main entertainments of the evening. A lunch was served.

The club went carolling on the evening of January 6th. On January 7th the members carolled at the homes they were not able to go to the night before. This was a job successfully done.

Once again on January 18th, the members spent the evening carolling.

Father Kamenecki, our new parish priest, now attends most of our meetings and helps to make our meetings better and more interesting.

Press Correspondent,
Gloria Pachkowski

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Buchanan, Sask.

The Buchanan U.C.Y. held their annual meeting on December 8th. The main reason for the calling of this meeting was to elect officers for the new term which are as follows:

President, Nestor Prystay; Vice-President, Donald Sterzuk; Secretary, Marie Maximuik; Treasurer, Eugene Hnatiw; Pub. Officer, Leslie Sackney; Fifth Member, Marianne Koroscil; Org. Chairman, Marlene Rudnitski; Social and Sports, Lorraine Statchuk.

All the elected officers gave brief notes of thanks to all the members.

Other business of the meeting was treasurer's report, purchasing of a desk for the rectory, carnival and retreat.

After all this was discussed Father Obrianek gave a little talk on spiritual composure of humans.

Dauphin U.C.Y.

The Dauphin U.C.Y. sponsored a St. Valentine's variety party, which proved to be highly successful. The party opened at the 11th Avenue Hall, February 14th, with about 80 members present.

President of the club, Nellie Lesiuk, welcomed the visiting clubs. Following a short acquaintance period, a three-hour bowling tournament was assembled in the bowling alleys with all the members participating.

Members of the winning team were as follows: Nellie Mykolaishyn (Dauphin), Walter Hipka (Dauphin), Joe Fedewich (Roblin), Emil Sebulski (Roblin), Ken Solomon (Dauphin).

Supper was served at 5:30 at the hall with the Ukrainian Catholic ladies catering. At the conclusion of supper, Rev. Dean G. Oucharyk gave a most interesting, spiritual and cultural speech. Others speaking were Nellie Lesiuk and Emil Sebulski.

After attending evening devotions at the church the members returned to the hall to enjoy a program supplied by the Dauphin club.

The program consisted of songs, skits, drills and a short play. The program was brought to a close with the singing of the Ukrainian national anthem.

For the remainder of the evening everyone joined in for dancing. We wish to thank all the clubs that helped to make this party a success and I hope that with God's help, we may hold more socials in the future.

Press Correspondent,
Wm. Urichen.

The Practice Of The Love Of Jesus Christ

By St. Alphonsus Liguori

Translated by

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David placed all his hope of salvation in his future Redeemer and said: "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; Thou wilt free me, O Lord, God of fidelity." How much more should we put all our hope in Jesus Christ, now that He has come into the world and completed the work of redemption! With greater confidence than David each one of us should say and keep on saying: "Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; Thou wilt free me, O Lord, God of fidelity."

If we have great reason to fear eternal death on account of the offenses we have committed against God, we have, on the other hand, still stronger reasons to hope for eternal life through the merits of Jesus Christ; for these merits have infinitely more power to save us than our sins have to damn us. We indeed have sinned and by our sins merited hell, but the Redeemer has come to take upon Himself our sins and to satisfy for them by His sufferings. "Surely He hath borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows." (Is. 53:4)

In that unhappy moment in which we sinned God wrote our sentence of eternal damnation; but our merciful Redeemer — what did He do? "Blotting out the handwriting of the decree that was against us . . . He hath taken the same out of the way, fastening it to the cross." (Col. 2: 14) He cancelled with His blood the decree of our condemnation, and

then He fastened it to the cross, so that every time we see our sentence of condemnation for the sins committed, we may at the same time see the cross whereon Jesus Christ, dying, cancelled it with His blood, and so reawaken our hope of pardon and eternal salvation.

How much better the blood of Jesus Christ pleads for us and obtains for us the divine pardon, than the blood of Abel cried out against Cain! "You have come . . . to Jesus, the mediator of the New Testament, and to the sprinkling of blood which speaketh better than that of Abel." (Heb. 12:24) As though the apostle had said: "O sinners, happy you, who after your sin had recourse to Jesus crucified, Who has shed all His blood in order to become mediator of peace between sinners and God and to obtain pardon for them! Your sins indeed cry out against you, but the blood of the Redeemer pleads in your favor, and at the voice of this blood, divine justice cannot but be placated."

It is true that we must render a rigorous account of all our sins to the divine judge. But who is it that will be our judge? "The Father . . . hath given all judgement to the Son." (John 5:22) Let us take heart; the eternal Father has committed the office in judging us to no other than our Redeemer. Therefore St. Paul encourages us saying: "Who is it that shall condemn us when Christ Jesus Who died . . . is pleading for us?" (Rom. 8:34) Who is the judge that would condemn us? Is it that same Saviour Who, in order not to condemn us to eternal death, has

condemned Himself and has died; and, not content with that, He continues, even today in heaven, to plead with His Father for our salvation. St. Thomas of Villanova writes: "Sinner, if you repent of your sins, what do you fear? How will He condemn you Who has died so that He would not have to condemn you? How will He drive you away when you return to His feet, He Who came down from heaven to go in search of you even while you were running from Him!"

And if, on account of our weakness, we fear to fall in the attacks of that enemy whom we must continuously fight, here, as the apostle warns us, is what we must do. "... laying aside every weight and sin, which surrounds us, let us run with patience to the fight proposed to us, looking on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, Who, having joy set before Him, endured the cross, disregarding the shame. . ." (Heb. 12:1-2) Then let us go forward, with courage, to the battle, with our eyes fixed on Jesus crucified, Who from the cross offers His aid, the victory and the crown.

In the past we have fallen because we stopped looking on the wounds and the ignominies suffered by our Saviour, and so we failed to call on Him for help. But for the future, if we remember how much He has suffered for our love, and how He is always prompt to help us if we have recourse to Him, surely we shall not be defeated by our enemies. Listen to big-hearted Saint Theresa: "I can't understand your foolish fears when you say, 'Oh, Satan! Satan!' You could just as well say: 'Oh God! God!' and make Satan tremble." On the other hand

she says that if we do not place our entire confidence in God, all our own puny efforts will profit us little, unless, abandoning all confidence in ourselves, we place all our confidence in God."

What two great mysteries of hope and of love we find in the passion of Jesus Christ and in the Sacrament of the Altar! Mysteries so great that, if faith had not revealed them, who could ever have believed them? An omnipotent God, willing to make Himself man, to shed all His blood, and to die in agony on an ignominious tree! And why? To pay the price of our sins and to save us who have turned our backs on God! And then He was willing to give His very body, once sacrificed for us on the cross, to be our food, and thus to unite Himself entirely to us! O God, how these two mysteries should consume with love the hearts of all men! And what sinner, however, dissolute he may be, could ever despair of pardon if he repents of the evil he has done, seeing a God so enamoured of men and so eager to do them good! Inspired by this thought, St. Bonaventure said: "Courage, then! I will push on fearlessly with unshakable confidence that He will refuse me nothing necessary for salvation Who died and suffered so much precisely that I might be saved."

"Let us go therefore with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace in seasonable aid." (Heb. 4:16) This throne of grace is the cross where Jesus rests as on a throne to dispense grace and mercy to every one that has recourse to Him. But it is urgent that we have recourse to Him at once, while we can get the help

we need to save our souls; otherwise the day may come when we shall no longer be able to find Him. Let us go then at once and throw our arms around the cross of Jesus Christ; and let us go with great confidence. No discouragement on account of our miseries! In Jesus Christ crucified we shall find all

riches, every grace. "In all things you are made rich in Him . . . so that nothing is wanting to you in any grace." I Cor. 1:5-7) The merits of Jesus Christ have made us rich in all divine treasures and have made us capable of receiving every grace we desire.

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St. Basil's U.C.Y., Edmonton

Although there has been a lack of news in the YOUTH about the activities at St. Basil's, Edmonton, it certainly is not because things haven't been happening.

Starting right in with the fall season, elections were held and an efficient executive consisting of: Walter Kmet, president; Marvin Bahry, vice-president; Sonia Caruk, secretary; Dave Panchyshyn, treasurer; and Alexandra Bayduza, fifth member, took up the helm of the club. Since then, the club has undertaken and successfully completed a number of projects.

Bowling every Monday night at the Bonnie Doon Bowling Alleys, are eight regular teams, and now in the final half of the season, the race is on for first place with only a few points separating the top teams — should be a fight to the finish.

For the first time, the club started regular curling this winter, heading south to Leduc every Sunday afternoon to try their hand at throwing rocks and sweeping. No doubt, after the successful season just completed curling will take its place among the regularly yearly activities of St. Basil's U.C.Y. Speaking

of curling, one of our teams, headed by Len Boychuk, took the honours in the second event in the U.C.Y. Diocesan Curling Bonspiel held very recently. Our congratulations go out to Len and his rink for a fine game. Hats off, too, to the rink from Calgary, who came through with flying colours to take the Grand Challenge.

Meetings are held regularly every second Wednesday, are of course as a rule successful. In conjunction with the meetings, we have had a very impromptu amateur night, a debate, and several socials.

Highlights of the social functions were our Christmas Party, skating party and the Valentine Dance, held in conjunction with St. Josaphat's. To this too can be added the Curling Banquet and Dance, and with an eye to the future, a Bowling Banquet is also being planned.

There are several items that bear special mention as far as the Club is concerned this season. The first is the Bingo held before Christmas with the proceeds going to the fund for St. Basil the Great College in Toronto. The second is the cooperation with the U.C.W.L. of St. Basil's in running the Tea Room at

Johnstone Walker's, Bonnie Doon, for one week. Members of the U.C.Y. took over entirely one evening. The third item is a raffle that is currently underway, and from all reports is progressing most satisfactorily.

The three items were special projects, undertaken by club members over and above the usual activities carried on by the Club. The fact that they were all successful underlines the fact that St. Basil's is a club that is alive.

From the above it may appear that our activities are strictly social. This is far from the case. Under the capable leadership of our Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Peter, not a meeting goes by but some aspect of our Faith and our Catholic way of life is stressed to the members. To start the Lenten season, the U.C.Y. members held a Corporate Com-

munion on the First Sunday of Lent, all attending Mass, receiving the Blessed Sacrament, and then all partaking of breakfast prepared by our very helpful U.C.W.L. members.

It has often been felt that there is a need for a Junior U.C.Y. group at St. Basil's. This group arranged its own bowling league, and held a very enjoyable skating party, although as yet not incorporated as a club. It is hoped that very shortly arrangements will be made to have a Junior U.C.Y. Club organized. Some of our most effective members fall into this category and it would certainly be a pity if we did nothing to keep them interested in their own organization.

And there you have the goings-on at St. Basil's U.C.Y. Plans for the balance of the season promise a grand wind-up to an already successful year. We'll keep you informed. God bless you all.

Unity Octave

"Holy Father, keep in Thy name those whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one even as we are." John XVIII:11 These are Christ's words, a prayer for the young Church, which are followed by another petition of Christ. "Yet not for these only do I pray, but for those who through their word are to believe in me, that all may be one even as Thou, Father, in me and I in Thee, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." John XVIII:20.

More than nineteen centuries have elapsed since these words were

spoken and we survey the situation today. The world population is approximately two and three-quarters billions. Well over half of this number are pagans. There are approximately 13,000,000 Jews, 200,000,000 Protestants and 200,000,000 Eastern Separated Christians. Catholics number approximately 500,000,000 and of these who dares to estimate how many are merely "paper Catholics" with a baptismal certificate to stake a claim within the ranks of the Catholic Church. If we are practical Christians and true followers of Christ we must follow the example set by Christ Himself in

praying and acting, thus doing our small but significant share in helping the hastening of the ultimate perfection of the Mystical Body of Christ. It was the realization of these facts that prompted the initiation of Unity Octave.

Surprisingly enough the Unity Octave Movement was started in 1908 not by the Catholics but by an Anglican pastor, the late Very Rev. Paul Francis Wattson. In 1899 he founded the Society of the Atonement whose special mission it was to seek to unite through prayer and sacrifice all Christians and nonChristians in the one true Christian Church. At approximately the same time, L. White founded a community of Sisters who undertook a similar mission. Within these two Orders originated the practice of Unity Octave prayers. This movement spread rapidly among both Protestants and Catholics. The Catholic Church welcomed such a devotion wholeheartedly and through God's blessing and the approval of the Popes since St. Pius X the devotion became accepted and established within the Church. "Ask and it shall be given you: seek, and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened." Luke XI:9. In 1909 the members of the Society of the Atonement along with its founder were united with the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church".

The Church Unity Octave is the name given to the period of prayer from January 18 to January 25 for the early fulfillment of our Lord's will that there be "one fold and one Shepherd." John X:16.

"The Octave begins on the feast of St. Peter at Rome (according to

the Latin Rite Church calendar), that day which commemorates the unbroken line of the successors of the Bishop of Rome and the Vicar of Christ. The Prince of the Apostles became the official guardian of the revelation which Christ left as a heritage for all men. The symbol of his authority and of his primacy is the Chair of Peter.

The Octave ends on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, that heroic apostle of the faith who roamed the world in search of souls. The blinding light from heaven and the Saviour's voice along the road to Damascus changed Paul completely. The burning energies and all-out love were given to Christ—never growing less but stronger, until a soldier's sword severed his head in a Roman garden.

St. Augustin, who realized his own Damascus in a garden of Milan, wrote: "The Apostle Paul was changed from a persecutor of the Christians to a preacher of Christ. Christ struck him and healed him . . . struck down by the voice of Christ from heaven and receiving from above a prohibition to further raging, he fell upon his face, first to be prostrated, then to be raised up; first to be wounded, then to be healed."

Saints Peter and Paul stand as the great Patrons of the Chair of the Unity Octave. Peter's Chair is a symbol of the authority given by Christ; the Damascus road is the way for every soul sincerely seeking for salvation and peace. The road of conversion leads to the Chair of St. Peter of religious unity for the entire world. Pope John reminds that separated from the unity of the Church that they are to

return to the place which belonged to their fathers and which still awaits their return. "Come! come!" he cries, "This is the road open to a meeting to a return. Come and take, or resume again, your place, which for many of you is the place of your ancient fathers. Oh, what happiness, what prosperity — even the civil and social order — may it be possible to expect for the whole world from religious peace for the re-constituted Christian family!"

This year the U.C.Y. Deanery of Toronto took it upon themselves to sponsor for the first time in our Diocese the Unity Octave. Each evening some form of worship was conducted in one of the six Byzantine Rite Churches in Toronto. Our Bishop, His Excellency Isidore Borecky, officiated on the first day of the Octave! and was followed by different well known clergymen who celebrated on one particular group separated from the Catholic Church. At the conclusion of the sermon prayers for Church Unity were recited by the faithful.

During Unity Octave a booklet, *Щоб усі були одно*, was distributed free of charge to participants of the Octave. This excellent booklet prepared by Father M. Solowij deserves some comment. The booklet opens with the explanation of Christ's will for unity, of the observance of unity among the first Christians as recorded in the Epistles, and the mention of the various prayers of the Divine Liturgy which petition Church Unity. It is pointed out that many sacrifices for the cause of unity have been made by Ukrainians, the foremost of these being St. Josaphat, Martyr of Unity. Metropolitan Andrew Sheptycky,

under whose patronage our observance of Unity Octave was placed was also an untiring apostle of Unity. Emphasis is then placed on the mission of the Ukrainian people to be apostles of Unity. Pope Urban VIII is quoted as stating: "I hope, that through you, Ruthenians, the whole East will be converted." To achieve this it is essential that Ukrainians first be united among themselves. Ukrainians should remember that the enemies of Church Unity of the Ukrainians have also been enemies of the Ukrainians as a people and as a nation; e.g. Russia. For political reasons Russia has been hostile to Church Unity. With Unity the Ukrainian would be clearly differentiated as a separate nation. How often has Russia used the pretense of protecting her Ukrainian Orthodox brethren to further her own political prestige and enslave the Ukrainian people?

History bears witness to Russia's attempt of making Moscow a "Third Rome". Surely one cannot allow himself to be duped by Russia's double talk but must realize Russia's motives have never been in the best interests of the Ukrainian people.

The booklet continues with a brief synopsis of the theme for the day. The third day was designated for prayers that the Orthodox Ukrainians may once again be united with the Catholic Church. Since this pertains more particularly to Ukrainians the following is a translation of the synopsis of the theme as presented in *Щоб усі були одно*.

The large part of the Ukrainian nation belongs to the Orthodox Church which does not acknowledge the Pope as the visible head of the Church. Up to the eleventh century

both East and West bowed to the authority of Rome in religious matters.

The Ukraine was drawn into the Eastern Schism through Byzantium. Nevertheless Ukraine has never at any Council officially ruptured ties with Rome. Even after Ukraine alienated herself from the Catholic Church there were attempts among the Ukrainian clergy, bishops and people to re-unite with the Holy See. History calls to mind the Florentine Union (1439) and Brest-Litovsk Union (1596). With the latter only a part of the Ukraine was re-united but the larger part remained outside the Catholic Church. During the long domination of the Russian Church over the Ukrainian Orthodox Church a hostile attitude to Church Unity has been cultivated. The Ukrainians both in the past and in the present more than other dissident groups have understood and felt the need for reunion with the Catholic Church. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church itself would welcome an escape from the domination of the Russian Church which has inculcated a hatred and hostility to the Catholic Church.

The greatest sons of the Ukrainian nation have always dreamt about the union of all Ukrainians within the Catholic Church with a separate Patriarch in Kiev distinct from that of Constantinople or Moscow, but united with Rome. Among others, the late Metropolitan Andrew Sheptycky called for such a future reunion and with this plea approached Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops.

The road to reunion is a difficult one; however, the goal can be attained if all Ukrainians sincerely pray for Church Unity among the Ukrainians.

The booklet concludes with va-

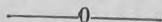
rious prayers for Church Unity. If anyone would like a copy of the informative booklet, he can obtain one from: Basilian Fathers, 286 Lisgar St., Toronto, Ont.

We hope to continue the annual observance of Unity Octave and to hear of its observance in other centres. God grant that as the bitter Babylonian Captivity of the Jews prompted them to unite and beg for the freedom which God granted them, so also may the terrible persecution of the Ukrainians in the Ukraine unite us to beg for God's granting of unity religious and national for our long suffering people.

— Nadia Boruch.

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THINK THIS OVER

The following anonymous letter to a teen-ager appeared recently in a local parish bulletin:

Always we hear the spoiled, plaintive cry of the teen-ager: "What can we do? Where can we go?"

Here are some suggestions: Go home! Paint the woodwork. Mow the lawn. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your community does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents. Help your pastor. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. And when you are through — and not too tired — read a book — (The Liguorian)

